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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF TURKISH ELECTION RESULTS

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1. AS OF 0800 GMT JUNE 6, WITH 77 PERCENT OF THE POLLING PLACES REPORTING, TURKISH RADIO REPORTS UNOFFICIAL RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) 41.6 PERCENT

JUSTICE PARTY (JP) 37.4 PERCENT

NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) 8.1 PERCENT

NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) 6.1 PERCENT

REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) 2.0 PERCENT

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) 1.7 PERCENT

2. IN TERMS OF SEATS SO FAR WON IN THE 450-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE RPP HAS CLINCHED 127, THE JP 109, THE NSP EIGHT AND THE NAP SIX.

3. IN A QUICK ANALYSIS OF PARTIAL, BUT SUBSTANTIAL RETURNS FROM KEY PROVINCES, WHAT STANDS OUT IS A NATIONWIDE TREND
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FAVORING THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES. IN TERMS OF VOTE PERCENTAGES (WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY CONVERTIBLE INTO SEATS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY), ECEVIT'S RPP HAS MOVED UP FROM 33.3 PERCENT IN 1973 TO 41.6 PERCENT THIS YEAR. DEMIREL'S JP HAS SIMILARLY IMPROVED FROM 29.8 PERCENT TO 37.4 PERCENT. EVEN THE STRONGEST OF THE SMALLER PARTIES, ERBAKAN'S NSP APPEARS TO BE FARING POORLY, DROPPING FROM 11.8 PERCENT TO 8.0 PER-

CENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE. HOWEVER, THE FAR RIGHT NAP HAS
RISEN FROM 3.4 PERCENT TO 6.1 PERCENT.

4. AS WIRE SERVICES HAVE REPORTED, THE RPP IS CLAIMING IT
WILL WIN A NEAR MAJORITY AND BE ABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT
(ITS 0200 GMT PREDICTION OF 222 SEATS HAS BEEN LOWERED TO
220 AS OF 0700 GMT). WE UNDERSTAND THAT RPP DEP. SEC GEN
HASAN ESAT ISIK TOLD PARTY MEMBERS EARLIER THIS MORNING THAT THE
PARTY WAS SURE OF 226 SEATS AND HOPEFUL OF WINNING TWO MORE.
WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THESE PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON MORE
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION THAN IS BEING REPORTED BY STATE RADIO
OR IF THEY ARE AT LEAST PARTLY INFLUENCED BY WISHFUL THINKING.
BASED ON THE RETURNS WE HAVE SEEN THE RPP PROJECTION IS POSSIBLE
BUT NOT REPEAT NOT CERTAIN.

5. IF ECEVIT AND THE RPP DO COME UP WITH MORE THAN 220
SEATS THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ATTRACT ENOUGH SUPPORT (FROM AMONG
INDEPENDENTS OR TRANSFERS FROM OTHER PARTIES) TO FORM A
FAIRLY STABLE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE OBSTRUCTIONIST NSP AS
PARTNER. WITH LESS THAN 220, HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULTIES OF
GOVERNMENT FORMATION INCREASE GREATLY, AT LEAST PARTLY BECAUSE
OF THE POOR SHOWING OF THE SMALLER PARTIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE
POTENTIAL ECEVIT COALITION PARTNER -- THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(DP) -- APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO ONE OR TWO SEATS.
THE CHANCES FOR DEMIREL TO PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER CENTER-RIGHT
COALITION MAY SIMILARLY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY THE POOR SHOWING
OF THE THIRD PARTIES.

6. COUNTING IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY AND IF THE RESULTS ARE
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AS CLOSE AS THEY NOW APPEAR TO BE, IT MAY BE SEVERAL MORE
HOURS BEFORE WE WILL KNOW WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE
FORMED.
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